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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Charles E. Allen
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SUBJECT: National Drug Enforcement Policy Board Meeting,
7 August 1985

REFERENCE: ER-85-1371/4, dated 19 July 1985, Same Subject

1. Subsequent to the Attorney General's 15 July letter (Tab A), there have been some additions to the agenda for the Policy Board meeting. Mr. Meese would still like the Board to receive briefings on international drug trafficking by CIA and DEA. Detailed talking points for your presentation are included in Tab B. The threat portion was presented at the last Coordinating Board meeting, and Lowell Jensen commented that it was what he was looking for. I understand that DEA's briefing will focus only on that agency's initiatives to counter the drug trade.

2. The Attorney General's opening remarks will provide a brief update on the issues listed on the agenda, and he will also comment on Policy Board Staff assignments, the Board's July 1985 Interim Report to Congress, and the next Policy Board report to Congress which is due in January 1986. Here is a gist of the points that most likely will be made by the Attorney General; additions to the agenda are included.

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I have included a set of Talking Points on this issue at Tab C. I believe it is particularly important that the Attorney General and other cabinet officers examine this issue carefully in order to understand the true magnitude of the cocaine threat to the United States and to consider whether our interdiction strategy needs revision. Clearly at this stage, we are not "winning the war" against cocaine.



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Attachments:
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